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1. EMBASSY NOT SURPRISED AT CYO DECISION TO DISCONTINUE ACYPL JOURNALIST DELEGATIONS BUT FEELS WE SHOULD MAKE CLEAR TO SOVIET SIDE -- PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF NEW EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH UNION OF JOURNALISTS -- THAT WE CONSIDER EXCHANGES OF JOURNALISTS AT ALL LEVELS IMPORTANT IN PRINCIPLE, EVEN THOUGH WE CANNOT KNOW IN ADVANCE WHAT A GIVEN JOURNALIST MAY WRITE ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCES IN THE USSR.

2. TO THIS END, WE RECOMMEND THAT SOME JOURNALISTS BE INCLUDED IN FUTURE ACYPL YOUNG LEADER DELEGATIONS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S SEEKING ACYPL AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE JOURNALISTS, AND TO INFORM CYO OF THIS. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP, SO THAT WE CAN CLARIFY US POSITION WITH CYO AT THIS END AND ALSO STRESS TO UNION OF JOURNALISTS THAT OUR ACQUIESCING IN CYO'S CANCELLATION OF JOURNALIST EXCHANGE DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE EVEN TACITLY ACCEPT INDIRECT SOVIET "CENSORSHIP" OF JOURNALISTS OR ANY EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT.

3. REF PARA 3 STATE 78899, EMBASSY CONCURS USE OF FY 76 FUNDS ON UNDERSTANDING THAT ACYPL WILL ADVISE CYO OF POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF JOURNALISTS IN FUTURE ACYPL DELEGATIONS AND THAT OTHER PROJECTS REFERRED TO CAN BE FUNDED FROM TRANSITIONAL QUARTER WITHOUT CURTAILMENT OR EXCESSIVE DELAY.
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